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The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Inspector General has received a number of inquiries concerning recent personnel actions taken by the management of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

We take very seriously any and all allegations that any federal or contractor employee may have been the subject of retaliation for raising concerns about wrongdoing, or cooperating with lawful inquiries regarding these issues. As previously reported, the Office of Inspector General has a number of matters currently under review concerning laboratory operations, and these personnel actions by the Laboratory have been incorporated into our inquiry.

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